

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

STEVEN MEJIA,

Defendant

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M.B.D. Case No. 19-mc-91547-IT

ORDER OF CONTINUANCE AND EXCLUDABLE DELAY

Upon consideration of the motion seeking an order of continuance and excludable delay, the Court finds as follows:

1. The parties are engaged in discussions regarding the possible resolution of this matter (which was initiated by a criminal complaint in *United States v. Steven Mejia*, Case No. 19-MJ-6528-MPK), that might result in a plea resolution. Such an agreement, in conjunction with a pre-indictment plea, may work to the defendant's benefit. In addition, due to the ongoing health crisis, the grand jury has been postponed by Order of the District Court through late April 2020.

2. Accordingly, the ends of justice served by granting the requested continuance, and excluding the time period from March 20, 2020 through and including May 8, 2020 from the speedy trial clock, outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §§3161(h)(7)(A), and Sections 5(b)(7)(B) and 5(c)(1)(A) of the *Plan for Prompt Disposition of Criminal Cases* for the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (effective December 2008).

Accordingly, the Court hereby grants the motion and **ORDERS** that, pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §§3161(h)(7)(A), and Sections 5(b)(7)(B) and 5(c)(1)(A) of the *Plan for Prompt Disposition of Criminal Cases*, (1) the date on which an indictment or information must be filed is continued to May 8, 2020; and (2) the period from March 20, 2020 through and including May 8, 2020 is excluded from the speedy trial clock and from the time within which an indictment or information must be filed.



HON. INDIRA TALWANI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DATE:

3/18/2020